

# **SHAPING THE FUTURE – UPDATE AUGUST 2016**

This Update is later than anticipated as the project has been held up for a number of reasons and the proposed congregational meeting will now possibly not take place until September.

The sale of the Church Officer's house fell through at the last minute with the prospective buyer withdrawing without providing a reason. Planning permission to replace the windows in Hall 1 and create the ramped access from Woodhall Avenue has not yet been granted and the associated Building Warrants have still to be issued. Finally, the revised tender from the preferred builder is being examined by the Project Group.

The Project Group, mindful of their commitment not to put the congregation into debt, has reluctantly agreed that the project, in whatever form, cannot now start until later in the year.

Very many thanks are accorded to those members and non-members who have responded to the fundraising leaflet distributed to the parish and beyond and made a donation towards the cost of the project. The sum from these contributions has reached approximately 25% of the target and, although some people may prefer to wait until more progress has been made, further donations will be very welcome at this time.

A full Update, with details of the proposed work, will be issued as soon as matters have become clearer.

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